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### 'We Tell Russia Too Much'

HAVING read an interview with Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, by a group of editors of the magazine U. S. News and World Report, we started studying our own paper more closely. For, as Mr. Dulles sees it, the Russians can learn a great deal by merely reading the papers daily. Unfortunately, the reverse isn't true. That's what makes the job of the CIA so difficult.

Mr. Dulles naturally wouldn't change our system of free government. But he is concerned about the amount of information which is available to our enemies. The daily press isn't wholly responsible for Mr. Dulles' conviction that we tell Russia too much; our scientific and technical journals also tip our hand in many ways. And then there is a wealth of material to be gleaned from congressional hearings.

As we said, we scanned the front pages of our own paper and noted, most prominently, a large picture of the newest Air Force bomber, the eight-jet B-52. In another column the Associated Press reported a sober discussion before the Senate Armed Services Committee of our overall defense policy. Here were two items: one a specific weapon, the other the broad picture of our defense efforts. Just how much these two items added to the knowledge of the Soviet teams which painstakingly analyze masses of reading matter daily can't be measured. For we don't know what pieces of the puzzle are missing.

Mr. Dulles, of course, is acutely sensitive to the amount and nature of information which we furnish the Russians under the tradition of free speech and free press. The other side of the coin is the charge by some members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that a good deal of information is now cloaked behind the security curtain that shouldn't be shielded at all.

Reconciling these two viewpoints is an endless task. Fortunately there are laws, and men who realize the seriousness of the conflict and are working to bring them into balance.

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